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SUBJ: CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI RAID

REF: STATE 068818

1. EMBOFF ASKED FOR URGENT APPOINTMENT APRIL 12
MFA AND MET SAME DAY WITH CHIEF NORTH AMERICAN SECTION
DAMYANOV TO PROTEST NARODNA ARMIYA COMMENTARY ALLEGING
US INVOLVEMENT IN RAID ON BEIRUT.

2. EMBOFF SAID US SPOKESMEN HAD BRANDED SUCH STORIES
AS " LIE". REPUBLICATION BY BULGARIAN PRESS WAS NOT
ONLY DAMAGING TO US- BULGARIAN RELATIONS BUT COULD
INCITE ARAB RESIDENTS OF BULGARIA TO TAKE SOME ACTION
AGAINST AMERICANS HERE. EMBOFF SAID THAT OUR POSITION
ON ACTS OF VIOLENCE WAS WELL KNOWN TO GOB AND IT WAS
DIFFICULT UNDERSTANDING WHY GOB SHOULD GIVE SUPPORT TO
SUCH SLANDERS IN FACE OF THAT POSITION. IN CONCLUDING
EMBOFF EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NARODNA ARMIYA STORY
WOULD BE ABERRATION IN GENERAL TREATMENT OF STORY
BY BULGARIAN PRESS.

3. IN REPLY DAMYANOV SAID THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN
STORY AND WOULD REPORT EMBASSY REACTION TO HIS
AUTHORITIES. HE AGREED THAT US POSITION ON
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VIOLENCE IN MIDDLE EAST WAS WELL KNOWN AND SAID
THAT HE PERSONALLY DID NOT BELIEVE VALIDITY OF
PLO CHARGES.

4. CHARGE HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL ASAP TO RAISE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH
PROVOCATIVE MATERIAL.

5. COMMENT: FOR WHAT IT' S WORTH, PRESS APRIL 13
IS ALL BUT SILENT ON RAID STORY, ALTHOUGH YESTERDAY
EDITION OF LEADING SOFIA EVENING PAPER HAS HIGHLY
OBJECTIONALBE CARTOON OF ISRAELI VULTURE (COMPLETE
WITH BLOODY DAGGER) SITTING ON POINTED FINGER MARKED
CIA.
HOUSTON

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